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REMOVE REMAINING PHOTORESIST AND  
RESIDUAL SIDEWALL PASSIVATION

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UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56 AND 1.97**

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are enclosed, may be material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these citations official record in this application.

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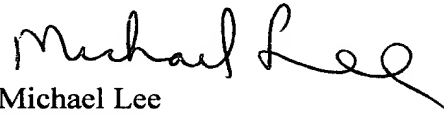
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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this IDS. However, should the Commissioner determine that additional fees are required for

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